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HIGHLIGHTS.

- The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) has determined that as of today all areas in Alaska currently in Modified suppression status, that normally convert to Limited suppression status on July 10, will in fact convert. Areas within Modified are uninhabited with resources of lesser value than those that fall under Full or Critical suppression areas. Land managers consider the trade-off of acres burned versus the cost of suppression. During critical burning months fires receive initial attack, but a lower level of protection is provided later in the fire season if the AWFCG determines that the risk of large, damaging fires has decreased.
- No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Sunday. Currently 29 fires are active in Alaska. Three fires are staffed: the Christian River Fire, the Parks Highway Fire and the Elutuli Fire. AICC reports that so far this year 226 fires statewide have burned 213,640 acres.
- For additional information about fire activity in Alaska visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.